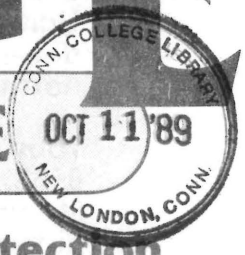


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Rhode Island Materials Recovery Facility Johnston, R.I.

Rhode Island law establishes a goal of recycling a minimum of 15% of the state's solid waste and requires municipalities to provide for source separation of solid waste from recyclables. The current list of items that must be recycled in Rhode Island includes: aluminum, glass and metal food and beverage containers, newspaper and white goods. The Rhode Island Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), an integral part of the state's recycling program, opened last April. The facility sorts processes, and markets glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic milk and beverage containers, and newspapers. The Rhode Island Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) owns the facility and equipment and pays operating and maintenance costs. New England CRInc., the company that constructed the facility, operates the facility and markets the recyclables. SWMC receives 90% of the revenues from recyclables and CRInc. receives 10%. There is no tip fee for MRF users. Other details regarding the MRF are highlighted below.

Capacity: 140 tons per day (80 tons of mixed glass and metal containers as well as plastic beverage containers and 60 tons of newspaper), approx. 40,000 tons per year

Size: 35,000 square foot building

Employees: 8 sorters
12 office staff, equipment operators and maintenance workers

Capital Costs: Construction \$2,314,000
(does not include land)
Equipment \$1,847,719
(includes \$400,000 start-up expenses/installation)
Annual Operating \$1,054,997
& Maintenance

Projected Revenues: Gross revenues \$1,575,522
Shipping costs -171,560
Net revenues \$1,403,962

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CT Regional Recycling Coordinators

Many of the recycling regions in the state now have regional recycling coordinators. These coordinators bring a variety of talents and energy to assist in implementing the statewide plan for regional recycling. Quick glimpses of them follow:

Kathy Rivard Dube, Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee, 585-0419/225-9811. Kathy became interested in environmental issues, and hence recycling, while working as a newspaper reporter for Bristol Press Publishing. Topics she reported on include education, health, science, environment and business.

Susie Crimmins, Hartford, Capitol Region Council of Governments, 522-2217. A former staff person for the MSW Recycling Advisory Council of the Connecticut General Assembly, Susie brings a deep commitment to recycling to her new position. She is working to develop regional recycling in the Capitol area and sees her job as "an ambitious, but mandatory challenge."

Valerie Knight, Southwest CT Regional Recycling Advisory Board, 854-7847. Valerie has been "on the job" the longest of the regional coordinators, since last November. In that time, the southwest region has successfully formed with a population base of over 600,000. Siting of the Intermediate Processing Center is in progress with the field of prospective sites now narrowed down to 3. Valerie worked in public relations and broadcasting prior to her current position.

Winston Averill, Northeastern CT Regional Resource Recovery Authority, 774-1253. Most recently, Winston worked for the Metropolitan Council Regional Planning Agency (solid waste division) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He completed a Masters degree in geography with emphasis in land use planning and law at the University of Minnesota. A native of the Boston, MA area, Winston hopes to develop and implement the structure of the recycling program for the northeastern region, as well as increase public education and improve markets.

Toby Goodrich, Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority, 887-6368. Toby was most recently the recycling coordinator for the Town of Stonington where curbside recycling is now in place and blue boxes have been distributed to most of the residents. Toby has an extensive background in solid waste management including work with the EPA and the Connecticut DEP. He also worked as the Director of Solid Waste in Westchester County, NY.

Recycling Contacts (for regions without a coordinator)

Linda Szczygiel, Council of Govts. of the Central Naugatuck Valley, 757-0535.

Barbara Buddington, Windham Regional Planning Agency, 456-2221.

Stanley Greimann, CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency, 388-3497.

Jacquelin Henage, Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, 775-6256.

James Dunn, Midstate Regional Resource Recovery Authority, 347-7214.

Linda Cardini, Northwestern CT Council of Governments, 868-7341.

Marie Silver, South Central Regional Council of Governments, 234-7555.

Richard Lynn, Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials, 491-9884.

Mathew Dominy, Dept of Public Works, City of Torrington, 489-2232.

Close the Loop - Buy Recycled Products

Final guidelines for the procurement of recycled products have been issued by the EPA. These guidelines are designed to help create markets for recyclable materials, and thus reduce the volume of solid waste that must be landfilled. Standards were issued for paper and paper products, lubricating oils, retread tires, and building insulation products. You may order these guidelines from Judy Usherson, (703) 941-4452.

The National Recycling Coalition has also issued a Federal Procurement Status Report describing these guidelines and how they are applied according to RCRA. Copies of that report may be obtained by writing Kim Marcy, editor of the Garbage Gazette.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

BIOCYCLE Northeast Conference '89 Recycling/Composting Solid Waste and Sludge will be held September 13-15, 1989 at the Holiday Inn By The Bay in Portland, Maine. For more information call (215) 967-4135.

WasteExpo's Solutions Northeast Conference will be held September 19-20, 1989 at the Philadelphia Civic Center in Philadelphia, PA. More information from NSWMA at (202) 659-4613.

World Environmental Management Exposition, "The International Business Forum for Environmental Challenges of the 1990's and Beyond", will be held October 3-5, 1989 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. For more information call (212) 459-9260.

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